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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 011197

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GREEK AMB'S CALL ON CONSULOR NIMETZ JAN 11

1. GREEK AMBASSADOR ALEXANDRAKIS CALLED ON COUNSELOR NIMETZ JAN 11 TO SEEK INFORMATION ON THE VISIT OF UN SEC GEN WALDHEIM TO ANKARA.

2. NIMETZ SAID THAT WE HAD NOT RECEIVED A FULL REPORT ON WALDHEIM'S DISCUSSIONS WITH TURKISH PM ECEVIT, BUT WE HAD IMPRESSION THAT WALDHEIM TALKS IN ANKARA HAD BEEN VERY POSITIVE. ECEVIT HAD APPARENTLY REITERATED PRIVATELY TO WALDHEIM HIS BELIEF THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO DEAL WITH  
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CYPRUS AND OTHER FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES IMMEDIATELY AND TO SEEK SOLUTIONS IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.

3. CONCERNING THE RESUMPTION OF THE CYPRUS INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, ECEVIT HAD INDICATED TO WALDHEIM THAT BOTH TURKEY AND GREECE SHOULD IN SOME WAY BE INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS, BUT THAT SUCH INVOLVEMENT WAS NOT A PRE-CONDITION

TO RESUMING TALKS. NOR WOULD GREEK AND TURKISH INVOLVE-  
MENT NECESSARILY NEED TO BE FORMAL. ECEVIT HAD ALSO  
ASSURED THE SECGEN THAT THE TURKISH SIDE WAS PREPARED TO  
TABLE CONCRETE PROPOSALS IN BOTH THE AREAS OF CONSTITUTION

AND TERRITORY.

4. NIMETZ POINTED OUT THAT WALDHEIM'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS  
IN ANKARA WERE QUITE POSITIVE AND RECALLED WALDHEIM'S  
EARLIER SKEPTICAL ATTITUDE AS TO THE POSSIBILITIES FOR  
EARLY RESUMPTION OF THE CYPRUS INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. WALD-  
HEIM HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY EMPHATIC IN RECENT MONTHS  
THAT HE WOULD NOT CONSIDER RESUMING TALKS WITHOUT SOLID  
ASSURANCES THAT PROGRESS COULD BE MADE. THUS, NIMETZ SAID  
WE DEDUCE THAT WALDHEIM WAS OBVIOUSLY ENCOURAGED BY HIS  
MEETING WITH ECEVIT.

5. NIMETZ CITED TWO ADDITIONAL HOPEFUL SIGNS: ECEVIT  
HAS INDICATED THAT HE DOES NOT LINK CYPRUS TO OTHER PROB-  
LEMS IN THE AREA BUT RATHER HAD SUGGESTED THAT THE CYPRUS  
AND AEGEAN ISSUES WOULD BE TREATED SEPARATELY BUT SIMUL-  
TANEOUSLY. IN ADDITION, DEMIREL HAD REPEATED IN CONJUNC-  
TION WITH HIS MEETING IN ANKARA THAT THE JUSTICE PARTY  
WOULD NOT OPPOSE, BUT RATHER SUPPORT, AN INITIATIVE BY  
TURKEY WITH REGARD TO CYPRUS.

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6. NIMETZ NOTED THAT WALDHEIM WOULD SHORTLY BE VISITING  
CYPRUS AND ATHENS ALSO AND THUS THE GREEK GOVERNMENT  
WOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET A FULL BRIEFING ON THE  
TWO PREVIOUS STOPS. NIMETZ TOLD ALEXANDRAKIS THAT IT WAS  
OUR HOPE THAT ANY POSITIVE MOVES TAKEN BY THE TURKISH  
SIDE WOULD BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED AND RESPONDED TO BY  
ATHENS AND NICOSIA. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE TURKISH PRESS  
RECENTLY HAD TAKEN A RATHER POSITIVE LINE ON GREEK-  
TURKISH DIFFERENCES AND HE HOPED THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE  
TOO MANY NEGATIVE NOISES EMANATING FROM THE GREEK PRESS.

7. ALEXANDRAKIS CALLED NIMETZ' ATTENTION TO CARAMANLIS'  
"BALANCED" COMMENTS CONTAINED IN THE JAN 11 ASSOCIATED  
PRESS INTERVIEW RELATING TO THE RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS  
BY ECEVIT. ALEXANDRAKIS ADMITTED ECEVIT'S RECENT STATE-  
MENTS HAD POSITIVE ELEMENTS BUT EMPHASIZED THAT TO THE  
GREEKS DEEDS, NOT MERE STATEMENTS, WOULD BE THE TEST.  
ALEXANDRAKIS SAID THAT FOR THE MOMENT THE GREEK GOVERNMENT  
WAS CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC. CHRISTOPHER

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